

HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum hosts home-schooled students

A group of home-schooled students enjoyed an afternoon hearing how children lived in times gone by through the Moore Museum's pioneer *Childhood Memories* and *Victorian Times* programs.

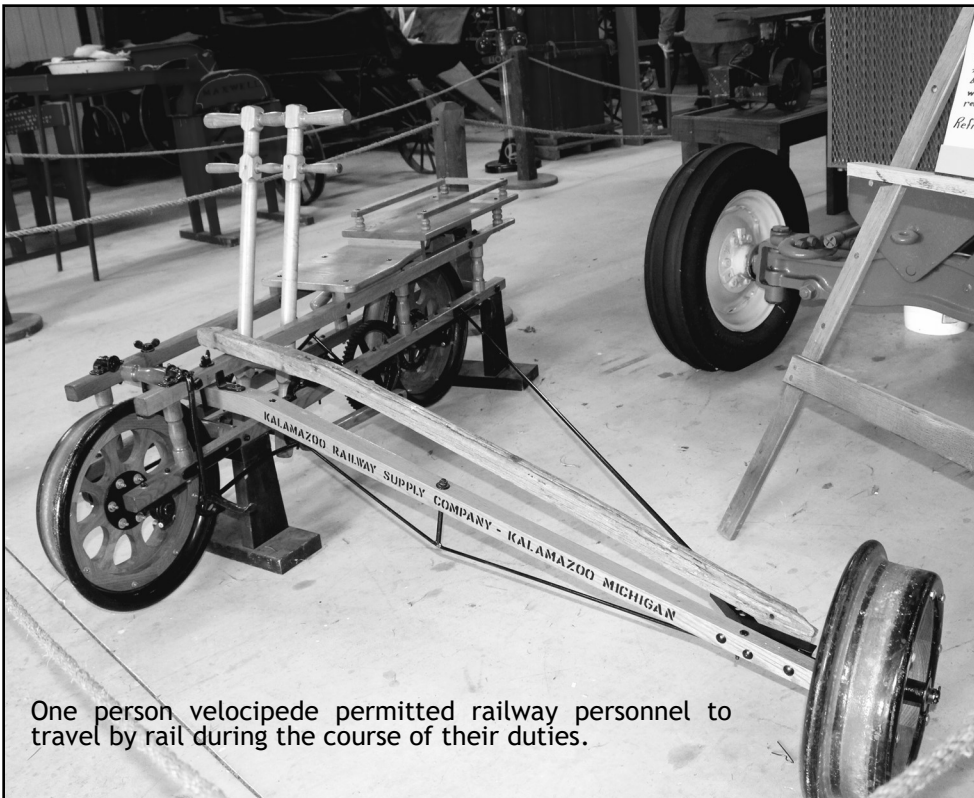
The students and their families, who come from Corunna, Wyoming, Petrolia and Sarnia, are connected by Facebook. The students are in grades kindergarten to Grade 5.

Right: In the role of a pioneer woman, Moore Museum staff member Linda Wood tells the students about her early years, describing daily life as a child growing up in a rough, new land.

Stevenson photo



Newest addition to Moore Museum collection takes up residence



One person velocipede permitted railway personnel to travel by rail during the course of their duties.

The newest addition to the Moore Museum collection looks like a wooden bike with a very long training wheel. Look closer and you'll see it was made by a railway supply company.

The new addition is a velocipede, a restored three-wheeled railway 'car' that allows a single rider to propel the rail car with his feet, or feet and hands together. The car was used by track inspectors, telegraph line repairmen, and lamplighters.

The original car was found partially covered with dirt beside the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway tracks near Rodney, Ontario.

The car was refitted by Don Eastman of Blenheim in 1983. During its reconstruction, all of the wood had to be replaced, the drive gear was built up, and new wheel bearings were installed. Modern steel wheels were fitted over red oak spokes.

Visit the Moore Museum and see this early transportation curiosity on display in the Shaw building.

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Spooky experiences wanted

The Sombra Museum is seeking information about "happenings" in the houses, businesses and other buildings there. Anyone with stories to share can 519-892-3982, email sombramuseum@hotmail.com or contact us on social media at [facebook.com/SombraMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SombraMuseum) or sombramuseum.webs.com

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Vintage vehicles visit museum: Thirty-five vehicles from the Kent Historic Auto Club could be seen outside the Moore Museum on Sept. 30. This silver 1951 Ford Monarch was part of the convoy that brought 70 visitors to tour the facility.

Note of Thanks Sombra Shadows and Spirits

The Sombra Museum would like to thank the 37 volunteers and three summer students who spent countless hours working hard to make the Sombra Shadows and Spirits Tour on Sept. 21 such a success.

Over 210 people attended the three tours and the museum has received much positive feedback from them. We couldn't have done it without the support of the volunteers and the community.

The Sombra Museum would also like to acknowledge the support of: the Creative County Grant Program, the Optimist Club of Sombra, Sombra Sports and Recreation, Sunset Rebekah Lodge #185, Beyond Air Network, Thornyhurst Women's Institute, Shepley Transportation, and the Sombra Historical Society.

For photo memories of the Sombra Shadows and Spirits Tour, see page 13.



Moore Museum programs highlight Community Christmas Celebrations

Parents, do you remember the fun of making pull taffy at Moore Museum during a Christmas field trip to the museum? Do you still have a Christmas tree decoration you made there and does it still hang on the family Christmas tree every year?

Moore Museum's "Community Christmas Celebrations: Traditions of the World Arrive with the Settlers" school program has been updated to comply with the current curriculum for Kindergarten through grade 3, and the fun of taffy-pulling and creating a tree ornament remain popular parts of this program.

Your child's teacher may not have grown up in this area and may not have experienced this holiday tradition, so why not let them know about the program? You'll be able to share these memories of your childhood field trips with your children. Let the teachers know that they can call Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visit the school programs page at www.mooremuseum.ca to learn more about this program.

The program is offered throughout December each year, but spaces tend to fill quickly, so teachers need to call soon!

We look forward to helping your children make Christmas memories at the Moore Museum.

Laurie Mason
Moore Museum Curator



A student participating in the Community Christmas Celebrations program works to create the perfect pulled taffy.
Submitted photo

MOORE SPORTS COMPLEX HISTORY

Invitation of Sept. 5, 1968 - "To all residents of Moore Township: You are cordially invited to attend the official sod turning ceremony for the new Moore Township Arena tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. at the Moore Township Park, Mooretown. Please come out and support us in our aim to have ice in the arena by Christmas."

The Moore Township Arena Committee

Taken from the Moore Museum archives